

Urban Development; Steven D. Pierce, Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, Boston; Deborah Whitaker, Community Preservation Corporation, New York, New York; John T. McEvoy, National Council of State Housing Agencies, Washington, D.C.; and Michael F. Petrie, P/R Mortgage and Investment Corporation, Indianapolis, Indiana, on behalf of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Armando Falcon, Jr., of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Martin Neil Baily, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Robert Z. Lawrence, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Dorian Vanessa Weaver, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Dan Herman Renberg, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Renberg was introduced by Senator Specter.

Also, Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Harry J. Bowie, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Jimmy J. Kolker, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, Jeffrey

A. Bader, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, Martin George Brennan, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, Harriet L. Elam, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, Gregory Lee Johnson, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland, David H. Kaeuper, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Congo, Delano Eugene Lewis, Sr., of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, Tibor P. Nagy, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, and Barbro A. Owens-Kirkpatrick, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Kolker was introduced by Senator Daschle and Representative Holt.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 486, to provide for the punishment of methamphetamine laboratory operators, provide additional resources to combat methamphetamine production, trafficking, and abuse in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 620, to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated;

S. 199, for the relief of Alexandre Malofienko, Olga Matsko, and their son, Vladimir Malofienko;

S. 275, for the relief of Suchada Kwong;

S. 452, for the relief of Belinda McGregor, with an amendment; and

The nomination of Mervyn M. Mosbacher, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 92 public bills, H.R. 2713–2804; 2 private bills, H.R. 2805–2806; and 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 65, H. Con. Res. 173–179, and H. Res. 277–280, were introduced. Page H7880–85

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 853, to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for joint resolutions on the budget, reserve funds for emergency spending, strengthened enforcement of budgetary decisions, increased accountability for Federal spending, accrual budgeting for Federal insurance programs, mitiga-

tion of the bias in the budget process toward higher spending, modifications in paygo requirements when there is an on-budget surplus, amended (H. Rept. 106–198 Pt. 2);

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there is an on-budget surplus, amended (H. Rept. 106-198 Pt. 3);

H.R. 1867, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office (H. Rept. 106-294);

H.R. 2668, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for election for Federal office, amended (H. Rept. 106-295);

H.R. 1922, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for election for Federal office (H. Rept. 106-296, Pt. 1);

H.R. 417, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office, amended (H. Rept. 106-297, Pt. 1);

Conference report on S. 507, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States (H. Rept. 106-298);

Conference report on H.R. 2587, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106-299);

H.R. 2559, to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improved protection from production and income loss, to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program, amended (Rept. 106-300); and

Conference report on S. 1059, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces (Rept. 106-301).

Pages H7276-H7316, H7384-H7413, H7469-H7868, H7880

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Kolbe to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H7251

**Journal Vote:** Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, August 4, by a ye and nay vote of 356 yeas to 50 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 376.

Pages H7251-52

**Financial Freedom Act:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2488, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income tax rates, to provide marriage penalty relief, to

reduce taxes on savings and investments, to provide estate and gift tax relief, and to provide incentives for education savings and health care by ye and nay vote of 221 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 379.

Pages H7261-76

Agreed to H. Res. 274, the rule that provided for consideration of the conference report was agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 224 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 377.

Pages H7252-61

Rejected the Rangel motion to recommit the conference report to the committee on conference with instructions, to the extent permitted within the scope of conference, to insist on limiting the net 10-year tax reduction to not more than 25% of the currently projected non-Social Security surpluses (or if greater, the smallest tax reduction permitted within the scope of conference); and shall insist on not including any provision which would constitute a limited tax benefit within the meaning of the Line Item Veto Act in order to A. preserve 100% of the Social Security Trust Fund surpluses for the Social Security program and preserve 50% of the currently projected non-Social Security surpluses for purposes of reducing the publicly held national debt, and B. insure that there will be adequate budgetary resources available to extend the solvency of the Social Security and Medicare systems, and provide a Medicare prescription drug benefit, the by ye and nay vote of 205 yeas to 221 nays, Roll No. 378.

Pages H7274-75

**Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations:** The House passed H.R. 2670, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 by ye and nay vote of 217 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 387. The House completed general debate and began considering amendments on August 4.

Pages H7317-84

Rejected the Bonior motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back with an amendment that increases the amount provided for Community Oriented Policing Services to the amount requested in the President's budget, with corresponding adjustments to keep the bill within the committee 302(B) allocation by a recorded vote of 208 yeas to 219 noes, Roll No. 386.

Pages H7382-83

Agreed to:

The Ehlers amendment that increases NOAA funding by \$390,000 for research projects;

Pages H7318-19

The Terry amendment that increases Merchant Marine Academy funding by \$2 million for repair of buildings;

Pages H7319-21

The Tiahrt amendment, as modified, that prohibits the expenditure of any appropriation to denigrate or otherwise undermine the religious or moral beliefs of students who participate in programs funded by the Department of Justice; **Pages H7342–44**

The Deal amendment that prohibits any funds appropriated from being used to process or provide visas to countries that deny or unreasonably delay accepting the return of their citizens under section 243(d) of the Immigration and Nationality Act; **Pages H7348–49**

The Traficant amendment, as modified, that prohibits the transport of maximum or high security prisoners to a facility that is not certified by the Bureau of Prisons as appropriately secure for housing such prisoners; **Page H7349**

The Vitter amendment that prohibits any funds to be used by United States delegates to the Standing Consultative Commission in any activity to implement the Memorandum of Understanding relating to the Anti-Ballistic Missile Limitation Treaty entered into by the United States, Russia, Kazakhstan, Belarus, and Ukraine on September 26, 1997; **Pages H7349–50**

The Hayworth amendment that prohibits the expenditure of any funds for activities in support of adding or maintaining any World Heritage Site (agreed to by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 209 noes, Roll No. 383); and **Pages H7355–56, H7378**

The Tauzin amendment that prohibits any funds to be used by the FCC to enforce or administer the Uniform Systems of Accounts for Telecommunications Companies with respect to any common carrier that was determined to be subject to price cap regulation by the Commission's order or has elected to be subject to price cap regulation (agreed to by a recorded vote of 374 ayes to 49 noes, Roll No. 384). **Pages H7362–65, H7378–79**

Rejected:

The Hall of Ohio amendment that sought to strike the provision that prohibits the payment of United Nations arrearages unless expressly authorized by an Act that makes such payments contingent upon United Nations reform (rejected by a recorded vote of 206 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 380); **Pages H7324–34**

The Bass amendment that sought to require that the Federal Communications Commission develop and implement a plan for the efficient allocation of telephone numbers (rejected by a recorded vote of 169 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 381); **Pages H7344–48, H7376–77**

The George Miller of California amendment that sought to limit the amount obligated or expended for the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission

(rejected by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 215 noes, Roll No. 382); and **Pages H7350–54, H7377–78**

The Kucinich amendment that sought to prohibit any funds to be used for the filing of a complaint or any motion seeking injunctive relief in any legal action brought under the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act or Uruguay Round Agreements Act (rejected by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 385). **Pages H7368–73, H7379–80**

Withdrawn:

The Stearns amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to reduce State Department general administrative funding by \$500,000 to highlight personnel issues relating to Ms. Linda Shenwick's employment at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations; **Pages H7334–35**

The Inslee amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to strike Section 620 that prohibits any funds appropriated to be used for the implementation of or the preparation for the Kyoto Protocol; **Pages H7340–42**

The Davis of Illinois amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to prohibit funding to any law enforcement agency except one identified in an annual summary of data on the use of excessive force published by the Attorney General; **Pages H7357–58**

The Campbell amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to require that aliens have access to secret evidence used to detain or deport them; **Pages H7358–61**

The Wynn amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to increase funding for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission by \$33 million and reduce Administration of Foreign Affairs funding accordingly; **Pages H7361–62**

The Crowley amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to prohibit any funding to be used for joint training programs between the Royal Ulster Constabulary and any Federal law enforcement agency; **Pages H7365–67**

The Dingell amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to prohibit grants to states that have not certified that 95 percent or more of records evidencing a State judicial or executive determination are sent to the FBI to support implementation of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System; and **Pages H7367–68**

The Jackson-Lee amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to establish new provisions cited as the Hate Crimes Prevention Act. **Pages H7373–75**

**Late Report:** The Commerce Committee received permission to have until midnight on September 7,

1999 to file reports on H.R. 1714, H.R. 1858, H.R. 486, H.R. 2130, and H.R. 2506. **Page H7413**

**VA, HUD Appropriations:** The House agreed to H. Res. 275, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2684, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. Agreed to order the previous question by yeas and nays vote of 217 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 388. **Pages H7413–25**

**Legislative Branch Appropriations:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1905, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 by a yeas and nays vote of 367 yeas to 49 nays, Roll No. 389. **Pages H7425–31**

Earlier, agreed that it be in order to consider the conference report, that it be considered as read, that all points of order be waived; and that the previous question be ordered to final adoption without intervening motion except 20 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled and one motion to recommit. **Page H7413**

**Committee Resignations:** Read a letter from Representative Clyburn wherein he resigns from the Committee on Appropriations and read a letter from Representative Ackerman wherein he resigns from the Committee on Banking and Financial Services. **Page H7432**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 277 electing Representative Forbes to the Committees on Appropriations and Banking and Financial Services. **Page H7432**

**Water Resources Development Act:** House agreed to the conference report on S. 507, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H7432–33**

**Technical Corrections to Water Resources Development Act:** The House passed H.R. 2724, to make technical corrections to the Water Resources Development Act. **Pages H7433–34**

**Extension of Aviation Programs:** The House passed S. 1467, to extend the funding levels for aviation programs for 60 days. Subsequently, agreed to strike all after the enacting clause and insert the text of H.R. 1000, a similar House-passed bill. Agreed to amend the title. **Pages H7434–59**

The House then agreed to insist on its amendments to S. 1467 and ask for a conference. Appointed as conferees: From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for consideration of the

Senate bill and the House amendment and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Shuster, Young of Alaska, Petri, Duncan, Ewing, Horn, Quinn, Ehlers, Bass, Pease, Sweeney, Oberstar, Rahall, Lipinski, DeFazio, Costello, Danner, E.B. Johnson of Texas, Millender-McDonald, and Boswell. From the Committee on the Budget for consideration of titles IX and X of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Chambliss, Shays, and Spratt. From the Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of title XI of the House amendment and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Nussle, Hulshof, and Rangel. **Pages H7459–60**

**Permission for Temporary Construction on the Capitol Grounds:** The House agreed to the Senate amendment to H. Con. Res. 167, authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to permit temporary construction and other work on the Capitol Grounds that may be necessary for construction of a building on Constitution Avenue Northwest, between 2nd Street Northwest and Louisiana Avenue Northwest. **Page H7460**

**International Religious Freedom Act:** The House passed S. 1546, to amend the International Religious Act of 1998 to provide additional administrative authorities to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and to make technical corrections to that Act—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H7460–62**

**Veteran Owned Small Business:** The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1568, to provide technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran owned small businesses—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H7462–67**

**Tobacco Production and Marketing Information:** The House passed S. 1543, to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 to release and protect the release of tobacco production and marketing information—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H7467–68**

**Summer District Work Period:** The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 51, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Pages H7468**

**Speaker pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Morella or, if not available, Representative Wolf to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through September 8. **Page H7468**

**Resignations—Appointments:** Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until

Wednesday, September 8, 1999, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader were authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. **Page H7468**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 8. **Page H7468**

**Presidential Message—Legislative Proposal:** Read a letter from the President wherein he transmitted a legislative proposal entitled "Central American and Haitian Parity Act of 1999"—referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered printed H. Doc. 106-114. **Page H7468**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H7252, H7356-57, H7413, and H7431.

**Referral:** S. 695 was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. **Page H7868**

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7887-88.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Seven yea and nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7251-52, H7260, H7275, H7275-76, H7333-34, H7376-77, H7377-78, H7378, H7378-79, H7379, H7383, H7384, H7425, and H7431. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 51, adjourned at 12:13 a.m. on Friday, August 6 until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 8.

## Committee Meetings

### FOOD STAMP PROGRAM—REVIEW OPERATIONS

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry held a hearing to review the operations of the Food Stamp Program. Testimony was heard from Shirley Watkins, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA; Clarence H. Carter, Commissioner, Department of Social Services, State of Virginia; Douglas E. Howard, Director, Family Independence Agency, State of Michigan; Lynda G. Fox, Secretary, Department of Human Resources, State of Maryland; Melba L. Price, Associate Director, Department of Social Services, State of Missouri; and public witnesses.

### U.S. FUTURE EXCHANGES—REGULATORY RELIEF

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research, and Specialty Crops held a hearing to review regulatory relief for U.S. futures ex-

changes. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission: David D. Spears, Acting Chairman; Barbara Pedeson Holum, James E. Newsome and Thomas J. Erickson, all Commissioners; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Commerce:* Ordered reported, amended, the following bills: H.R. 1714, Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce; H.R. 1858, Consumer and Investor Access to Information Act of 1999; H.R. 486, Community Broadcasters Protection of 1999; H.R. 2130, Hillory J. Farias Date-Rape Prevention Drug Act of 1999; and H.R. 2506, Health and Research and Quality Act of 1999.

### CAMPAIGN FINANCE FIGURES

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing on "White House Insider Mark Middleton: His Ties to John Huang, Charlie Trie, and Other Campaign Finance Figures". In refusing to give testimony, Mark Middleton invoked Fifth Amendment privileges.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2558, Prison Industries Reform Act of 1999; and H.R. 2551, Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representative Hoekstra; Kathleen M. Hawk Sawyer, Director, Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice; Reginald A. Wilkson, Director, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on the H-1B Temporary Professional Worker Visa Program. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF LEASING—LANDS OFFSHORE FLORIDA

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 33, imposing certain restrictions and requirements on the leasing under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of lands offshore Florida. Testimony was heard from Representative Goss; Walt Rosenbusch, Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior; Jay Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Mike Joyner, Director, Legislative and Governmental Affairs, State of Florida; and a public witness.

### COASTAL COMMUNITY CONSERVATION ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action, amended, H.R. 2669, Coastal Community Conservation Act of 1999.